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1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (Form PTO-2038);
3. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets) and accompanying (4) references; and
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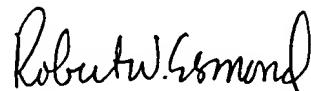
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